Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Theresa Victoria Block was born on December 22, 1928, to John and Valeria Block, the youngest of 12 children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Theresa married Joe Mickalowski in 1947 at Grenville, South Dakota, and to that union 7 children were born: Angie, Jerry, Dan, John, Judy, Jane, and Larry, who in turn blessed them with 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild; and,

Whereas, Theresa contracted her services to J.C. Penney and Spring Crest Drapes for 25 years as a master, custom-tailor of draperies, which were delivered across the United States. Her talents as an accomplished seamstress and creative crafter are admired and sought after by all who know her; and,

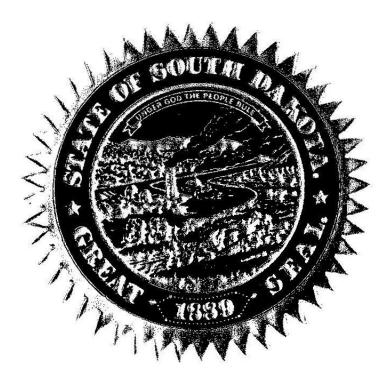
Whereas, Theresa is a proud mother and friend always willing to lend a helping hand;

Whereas, Theresa will observe her 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather at St. Joseph's Cathedral on December 27, 2008, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 22, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State